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- . mieux préciser les résultats en terme de corticothérapie; cf figure 2 : à 24 mois, nombre de patients toujours sous corticothérapie, quelle dose moyenne
- . mieux préciser les résultats sous MTX : efficacité, tolérance, effets indésirables, maintenance ; 21 patients ont arrêté MTX apparemment à 24 mois, expliquer....
- . les auteurs devraient évoquer en fin de discussion l'intérêt d'une étude multicentrique entre les rhumatologues d'Afrique de l'Ouest de leurs cas de polyarthrite rhumatoïde traités par csDMARDs

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